risation of bulk drugs and formulations to stimulate the production;

(b) what steps are being contemplated to have an effective control on the pricing system of the essential drugs; and

(c) whether Government propose to constitute a committee in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Government announced in December, 1986, Measures for rationalisation, Quality Control and Growth of drugs and Pharmaceutical Industry in India.

(b) Drugs required for National Health Programmes and other essential drugs which are being identified would be subject to price control.

(c) A Committee has already been constituted to identify essential drugs falling in Category II as envisaged in the new measures.

Amendment in adoption laws

519. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to amend the adoption laws; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Industrial production and investment corportion, Orissa

520. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Industrial Promotion and Investment Corporation Limited of Orissa have applied to the Central Government for issue of a Letter of Intent for Naphtha reformer based chemical complex at Paradip in Cuttack District duly recommended by Orissa Government; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The proposal was rejected on techno-economic considerations.

Pending cases in Delhi High Court

521. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of cases pending in Delhi High Court as at present;

(b) the total number of cases pending in different High Courts in the country;

(c) the total number of cases pending in different High Courts in India for the last three years; and

(d) the steps intended to be taken by Government for the speedy disposal of the cases in High Courts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (c) Information as furnished by the Registries of High Courts is given in attached Statement—I.

(d) Steps taken to reduce pendency are given in the attached Statement—II.